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## Long-Reed Finals Unobtainable---Close State Election Record

### Four Lose Lives Thursday Bathing in Chariton River

Considerable excitement was experienced last Thursday night when it was learned that four young people of Salisbury had lost their lives by drowning in the Chariton river. The Courier is indebted to the Salisbury Press-Spectator for advance proofs of the story, as it will appear in that paper this week, of the sad affair, which follows:

No one here can recall when this community was so shocked and deeply grieved as last Thursday evening about 6:30, when the announcement came of the drowning of two young women and two young men in a whirlpool in the swift current of the new channel of the Chariton river, known as the Boerger cut, about 7 miles north of town and due west of Prairie Hill.

The girls, Miss Stevie Brockman, 18 years old, and Miss Velma Steging, 17, is attempting to wade across the river, while in bathing, were drawn into a whirlpool by the swift current, when only a short distance from shore. They were not able to swim, and Fred Collet, almost 20 years old, and William Gardner, who were with the girls, but had crossed the river, realizing their danger, hastened to their rescue. They struggled heroically and made a most desperate attempt to save the girls, but were unable to combat the strong undertow, and all four were drowned.

With these four were Miss Hazel Sears of Prairie Hill and her cousin, Miss Frances Sears of Kansas City. They were with the other girls when they started to cross, but knowing how to swim, were able to save themselves. They were unable, however, to render any assistance to the others and stood there horrified watching the struggle the boys were making.

After seeing their companions sink in the whirlpool, and frantic in their distress they started to give the alarm. They were on the west side of the river, opposite the car where they had left their clothes, so they followed an old abandoned road toward the west. The first house they came to was that of B. Hardy, about a half mile west of the river. The girls were nearly prostrate from heat. As there was no telephone there, Miss Sears borrowed a horse and rode to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCollum about a mile and a half further west. The message was phoned from this point to Salisbury.

The message reached the Collet and Steging homes a few minutes after 6 o'clock. Members of the family left immediately for the scene of the tragedy, and as neighbors and friends heard the report, naturally incomplete, they hastened to the river. In a couple of hours there were several hundred cars and more than a thousand people at the river all grief-stricken and anxious to take part in the search for the bodies.

The four folks left Salisbury about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the Collet car.

The river is very wide and deep and the current is very swift. A bridge formerly spanned the river at the point, but fell in several years ago. People along the river estimate the water is from thirty-five to fifty feet deep in the hole. Some twenty or thirty feet above the point where the young people were drowned the water is not more than three or four feet deep, and the party had crossed the river at this point when they first began bathing. On account of the current, however, they decided to go to a lake some distance west of the new channel. After bathing in the lake for some time they decided to return home, and were on their way to the car when the girls were caught in the current and drawn into the whirlpool about 25 feet deep. The boys being good swimmers had just reached the opposite bank when the girls called for help. They at once realized their danger, and without a moment's hesitation hastened to their rescue.

Mr. Collet was at Keytesville when word reached him that one of the girls in the party, which included his son, had been drowned, and he came at once, and learned after his arrival here, that his son was also drowned. Search for the bodies was started immediately upon the arrival of a few cars. Several strands of barb wire cut from a near-by fence, weighted with auto chains, were used in the search, and as other cars came, grub hooks were used, but no trace of the bodies was found.

Later, several boats were brought down the river, and experienced river men began the search. About 10 o'clock, four hours after the drowning, the bodies of Miss Brockman and Fred Collet were brought up. About ten or fifteen minutes later Miss Steging's body was found. Mr. Gardner's body was recovered about 11 o'clock. Each one had their arms folded over the breast, as though in a natural repose.

All of the bodies were taken to the Winkelmeyer undertaking establishment for preparation for burial, and taken to the several homes the next morning.

Business was almost at a standstill all day Friday, and the tragic accident was a topic of general discussion. The four young people were from the best and most prominent homes in the community, and each had a large circle of friends.

During the day hundreds of messages of sympathy and condolence were sent to the several homes. Mr. Collet received many from his colleagues in the Constitutional Convention of which he is a member, and from lawyer friends over the state. The Constitutional Convention upon receipt of the information adopted resolutions expressing sorrow and adjourned at once.

The funeral of Miss Steging was conducted at the home on Lafayette Street at four o'clock Friday afternoon, and all the business houses in town closed during the hour of service. The body was taken to Havana, Illinois, the former Steging home, and the girls' birth place, for burial. The body was taken from here to Glasgow, to take the Alton route, now being the most direct because of the annulment of train 28 on the Wabash. Mr. and Mrs. Steging and son, Ewald, were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. A. Graebner and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hahn.

The funerals of Fred Collet and William Gardner were held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2:30, and the business houses were again closed. The church could not hold one-fourth of the friends present to attend the services. Dr. Hemmaway of Glasgow, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, and a close personal friend of the Collet family, conducted the services for Mr. Collet. Rev. Heaton conducted the services for Mr. Gardner. The caskets were opened and it took almost an hour for the friends to pass the biers as they paid their last tribute to the heroic and manly young men than whom Salisbury could claim none better.

The bodies were taken to Keytesville for burial to be laid beside those of their mothers.

Miss Brockman's funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church, conducted by Rev. B. F. Heaton. The attendance was equally as large as that of the others. The remains were taken to Prairie Hill, the former Brockman home. The funeral was delayed until Sunday awaiting the arrival of Clarence Brockman, a brother, from Detroit, Mich.

The pall bearers were:

For Miss Brockman: Active: Marvin Huss, Jack Davis, Thos. Richardson, Allen Phelps, Everett Bean, and Raymond Sears. Honorary: Misses Hazel Heiman, Benona Phelps, Mildred Estes, Oeta Place, Lavinia Records and Bess Peters.

For Miss Steging: George Edward Williams, Carlyle Stamper, Maurice Brummall and Marvin Huss. All were Miss Steging's class mates as members of the Junior class of the high school last year.

For Mr. Collet: Marvin Huss, Clark Parks, Chas. Glassen, Holman Ritzenthaler, Frank Cook and Leo Davis.

For Mr. Gardner: Allen Phelps, Everett Bean, Russell Entwistle, Carlyle Stamper, Thos. Richardson and Marvin Wright. All were members of the local Delphian Chapter of which Mr. Gardner was also a member.

The final figures of the Long-Reed contest cannot be obtained as this paper goes to press. The latest report seems to favor Reed, but with the same report comes the announcement there are 900 country precincts yet to be heard from. Neither side gives up

#### TO THE VOTERS OF CHARITON COUNTY

I take this means of thanking each one of you that gave me your support in the primary election. Your kindness will long be remembered by me, and if you will kindly support me in the general election, I will promise to serve you to the best of my ability. I thank you, Mrs. Beulah Staples.

#### CHICAGO STREET CAR STRIKE

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—Chicago streets and elevated structures were clear of cars at 4:30 this morning, and the greater portion of the city's approximately 3,000,000 persons faced the prospect of getting to work by improvised transportation.

The strike of 20,000 carmen against a wage reduction of approximately 17 per cent went into effect quietly. At 11 o'clock last night the car men started relinquishing their cars, and

the movement was gradually effective until 4 a. m., the hour set for the strike.

Elevated workers struck in sympathy with the surface lines men.

#### IT DO BEAT ALL

One of our exchanges recently had the following to say regarding an accumulative accident:

Here lies the body of Sanford De-

Mash,

His death is too sad for description;

He was killed by a mob in a terrible

rush,

When he carelessly dropped his pre-

scription.

We might add something like this and

call it the final reward:

Here lies the body of one of the mob,

Not in the rush was he killed,

But he met his fate, we must here

relate,

When he had that prescription filled.

—Scissored.

#### BROOKFIELD MAN WAS MURDERED

Ted Singleton Was Shot Four Times; The Body Found Monday. No Arrest Made at First

A body which has been identified by Lou Cox, a brother-in-law, as that of Ted Singleton, was discovered by Fred Moore in the woods near his farm southeast of this city about noon last Monday. Mr. Moore immediately drove to Brookfield and notified the authorities. The body was brought to the Hunter & Rollins undertaking rooms and an examination held. Three bullets had entered the head and a fourth the left arm pit. A coroner's jury was called by Dr. Roy Haley and rendered a verdict of murder by an unknown person.

Singleton had been missing since last night about 8 o'clock, when he had come up town in his Ford car. He is said to have left his car and walked east, leaving the Ford parked near the corner of Main and West Boston. The car was found by Mr. Cox this morning about 6 o'clock.

This morning a jitney driver was hired by the widow to search for the husband. The jitney man says when he and Cox found Singleton's car this morning the dog was therein.

It is said a number of shots were heard last night south of town, John Schaefer being one who heard them, about 8:30.

The question is was Ted Singleton killed here in town, or was he taken on a joy ride and shot by some person accompanying him? Yes, there is an opportunity for detective work in this shocking case, this horrible murder of last night.—Brookfield Gazette.

#### From Sundry's Papers

Brookfield, Mo., July 29.—Orth Hurst, a garage owner here, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with the murder of Ted Singleton.

#### HIGH WATER DELAYS BOONVILLE BRIDGE

Boonville, Mo., July 31.—Abandonment of the caisson of a pier of the Boonville bridge now being constructed across the Missouri river here, which was washed away during a recent rise in the river, seems virtually certain, officials of the bridge construction company say.

The caisson has been washed down stream about two miles and at the present time the top of the caisson is submerged under about three feet of muddy water while the remainder of the pier block extends down to the point where it is embedded in river sand.

At the time the pier was swept away in the swollen waters, company officials said it weighed 55 tons. Further construction work on the bridge is being delayed until the second caisson can be completed.

#### BODIES FOUND NEAR GLASGOW

The body of Mrs. Sanders and also of her little boy was found near Arrow Rock Tuesday night, floating near the surface. When the car was recovered earlier in the week the baby was found caught in the top of the car.

A belated report of the accident shows a few of the details of this tragedy which the Courier was unable to obtain in time for last week's issue. The report is taken from the Brookville Advertiser.

Mrs. John W. Sanders, wife of the manager of the C. J. Harris Lumber Co., of Boonville, and two children, John Wade, six years old, and little daughter, June, two years old lost their lives Saturday evening, July 22, about 8:30 o'clock, when the car in which they were riding with Mr. Sanders, plunged off a fifteen-foot embankment into the Missouri river, six miles south of Dalton, Mo.

The Sanders car, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and daughter in a car, left Boonville about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon for Brunswick, for a week end visit to Mrs. Sanders' mother, Mrs. Tobie Miller.

Mr. Sanders was in the lead and was about nine miles northwest of Glasgow, and about 16 miles southeast of Brunswick when the accident occurred. The road ran close to the river. The recent rains had caused the river to rise and cut away the old road, and a new road had been opened to avoid the cut. In the darkness Mr. Sanders missed the new road and plunged into the river.

Mr. Sanders was able to free himself from the car and was carried down the stream until finally carried by the current close enough to the bank to pull himself out by a tree root. Mr. Moore was attracted by the outcries and had come up by this time and helped him up the steep bank.

A frantic effort was made to rescue the wife and children, but in vain. The body of the little daughter was recovered, still clinging to the automobile, but the bodies of Mrs. Sanders and son, Wade, could not be located.

Such accidents are so deplorable that one is led to wonder why reasonable precautions are not taken to prevent them. Perhaps if the road overseer was made to pay heavy damages there would be less occasion for complaint.

#### LENINE SUFFERS 2ND PARALYTIC STROKE

Riga, July 29.—Premier Lenin has suffered a second paralytic stroke and a third will be fatal according to latest reports from Moscow. The Russian leader, it is said, is unable to walk.

Miss Almeria Miller and Lynn Miller, who are attending school at Kirksville, were here Saturday and Sunday.

### Election Day Finals---Old C. Organization Win

The Courier comes to its readers a day late this week. This was caused by being obliged to wait for election returns which were slow in coming in.

Tuesday broke cloudy, but ere 9 o'clock had arrived the skies were clear and it commenced to get hot.

It was about this time that the workers began to make their presence felt, and it was soon realized that there would be a big vote polled in the county.

Interest ran high, and it seemed to a few enthusiasm was centered on Mrs. Beulah Staples who was being backed by all her friends everywhere as the final votes proved. It seemed for a while that nothing else mattered in the entire election, but it soon became evident that Mrs. Staples was nominated beyond a question of any doubt.

Of course, there were many other cases that were interesting and that were being worked. J. E. Montgomery had his work all done in the county long before election day, and yet there seemed to be some interest in his case, too, but it was never for an instant doubted but that Chariton county would give him a record vote.

Up to the time of going to press it seems that Senator Fields had carried Linn county 1500, Sullivan 600, but for the district Mr. Montgomery had received a majority of 600. Of course, this is not authentic, but it is the best that the Courier reporter can obtain.

The race of Wm. D. Herring who was "running on his record" for Judge of the County Court, carried a

lot of personal interest for his friends. "Bill," as he is popularly known, had made a splendid record and his many friends were willing to wager most anything he would be returned a winner, and he was.

The different officers that are foremost in the spot light in Chariton county follow:

For Judge of the Circuit Court, 12th Judicial Circuit: J. E. Montgomery 3,553 Emmett B. Fields 772

For County Representative: C. O. Houston 4,449

For Presiding Judge County Court: Wm. D. Herring 2,215

Clarence W. Garhart 2,001

For Judge County Court, Eastern Division: Jesse M. Green 1,506

Henry J. Weber 1,076

For Judge County Court, Western District: W. E. Washburn 1,754

For Clerk of the County Court: Chas. H. Hayes 2,867

Blair Miller 1,512

For Clerk of the Circuit Court: Joe L. Kendrick 2,722

Fred B. Philpott 1,630

For Judge of Probate: A. C. Drace 4,445

For Prosecuting Attorney: Clarence E. Brummall 4,296

For Recorder of Deeds: Richard L. Hunt 1,080

Beulah M. Staples 2,235

Chester W. Renahan 709

W. R. Hooper 339

Practically all of the committeemen for the several precincts were nominated.

#### LISTEN, FOLKS, SNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Pa., July 29.—Snow fell during a storm which swept the upper Lackawanna valley last night, destroying thousands of dollars worth of crops.

#### A WORD OF THE COMING KEYTESVILLE CHAUTAUQU

Salisbury, Mo., July 28, 1922.—Editor Courier. Dear Sir: I enclose you a letter from Geo. W. Barry of California in regard to one of the speakers you will have at your Chautauqua and thinking that it might be of some use to your committee, what my friend has to say about this great speaker, I send the letter to you. You may publish the part of the letter pertaining to Dr. Brougner, if you desire so to do. Hoping your Chautauqua will be a success, I am, yours truly F. Bion McCarry.

#### The Letter

Hollywood, Cal., July 18, 1922.—F. Bion McCarry, Salisbury, Mo., My Dear Bion. On August 17th you will have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Brougner at Keytesville, Mo., and let me say to you, it will pay you to turn over and hear this great preacher of the Temple Baptist church at Los Angeles. He speaks at Chautauqua at Keytesville, on the 17th of August.

#### AN APPRECIATION

Wm. D. Herring, whose original p. o. address is Brunswick, pruned in Wednesday morning—the next day after—and asked us to express his sincere appreciation for the excellent support he received in Tuesday's election. He replied to the Courier's query, "Did you get across?" "Yes, clear across and half way back." This was a popular endorsement of Mr. Herring's official record as Judge of the Chariton County Court, most assuredly due him and he wishes the public to know that he is an appreciative "sort of duck," and that over his signature—Wm. D. Herring.

#### OBITUARY

Turner Perkins was born in Howard county, Sept. 7, 1866, died in Portland, Ore., July 25, 1922, aged 55 years. He was married Dec. 24, 1885, to Miss Polly Frances Shomaker. To this union seven children were born, only four surviving. Mrs. Hettie Drew of Kansas City, Edmon Perkins of Illinois, Roy Perkins and Eltie Kimple of this place. He also has three children by a second marriage, Goldie, Sylvie and Beatie May Perkins who reside in Lagrange, Oregon. Eleven grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters also survive.

—Communicated.

Just ask Geo. West what is the matter with his cranking arm. He'll look wise and say something about the buck fires, Ford cars, and other cars that have self starters on them. He got his at Salisbury Monday night, and he is almost on the hospital list.

#### TO ALL DEMOCRATS OF 2ND DISTRICT

Keytesville, Mo., Aug. 2, 1922. The primary is over and I am defeated. The will of the people has been expressed and I bow in obedience to it. I am sustained by the reflection that during my long tenure in public life, I have at all times been loyal to the welfare and interests of my country, my state, my district and of each and all my constituents. I feel and will always feel the deepest sense of obligation and gratitude for the confidence so often and so generously reposed in me.

My chief regret is the disappointment my friends will suffer—truer or more loyal friends no man ever had. I made a hard, fair and honorable campaign, hoping that I would again be successful. I accept defeat without a single grievance and with pardonable pride because no man challenged my record of service.

Let us now cease speaking of the choice of factions and in good faith and without reservation recognize and accept the wisdom of the majority.

Let the slogan be THE SUCCESS OF THE DEMOCRACY OF OUR STATE AND DISTRICT and all go to battle to secure a triumphant victory for each and every nominee of our party.

Very respectfully,  
W. W. RUCKER.  
(All Democrat papers please copy.)

#### SEVEN STATES HOLD PRIMARIES THIS WEEK

The political trend of the country during the last month when the nation faced two of the most serious strikes in its history will be revealed this week when seven states will hold primaries.

The fates of three senators and about sixty congressmen are involved in this primary which will be held in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Virginia and West Virginia on Tuesday, in Tennessee on Thursday and Kentucky next Saturday.

The following week primaries will be held in three more states, Ohio, Alabama and Arkansas.

#### SOVIET RUSSIA IS ON TOP OF WORLD IN BIG BUDGET

Berlin, July 29.—Soviet Russia can claim the distinction of being the top of the world in matters of large figures in the state budget. The budget commission at Moscow has just worked out the Russian budget for the last quarter of 1922.

In making the budget the commission had to resort to astronomical arithmetic. The receipts for the year are estimated at 360 trillion rubles and the expenditures at 60 trillion rubles, leaving a deficit of 400 trillion. The expenditures for the Russian central executive committee are placed at 1,550,000,000,000; the foreign office at 600,000,000,000; the public works at 1,410,000,000,000. The smallest sum in the budget is for education, to which there is only allotted 2,000,000,000 rubles.